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Applicant : Anastasios Melis et al)

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HYDROGENASE-CONTAINING)
OXYGENIC PHOTOSYNTHETIC)
ORGANISMS)

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2002, which rejected the claims in the above-identified patent application, applicants respectfully request reconsideration, based upon the amendments hereinafter set forth.

WITH REGARD TO PRIORITY AND OATH/DECLARATION:

Note is taken of the allegation that the claim for domestic priority based upon the provisional application is insufficient due to lack of reference to the provisional in the oath/declaration; however, in view of applicants' representative's telephone call to Examiner Afremova, and Examiner Afremova's acceptance of a replaced first page of the declaration – which is submitted herewith, the objection to the claim for domestic priority and to the oath/declaration is no longer applicable.